Restructuring the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

†1606. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to restructure the 'Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Component of independent evaluation has been built in for every project that is completed. So far, independent evaluation was entrusted to Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, Indian Institute of Management (HM), Ahmedabad, SB! Capital Markets Ltd, Mumbai and TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), New Delhi for 66 projects. Changes in the programme, *if* any, will depend on the outcome of the evaluation reports.

Gas based power plants

1607. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Ministry has decided not to pursue New Gas Power Projects in view of degree of instability on the issues regarding gas supply and price etc.;

(b) when the gas availability is likely to become normal;

(c) whether the existing LNG power plants are under utilized to the extent of 40 per cent; and

(d) if so, when the full installed capacity will be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Due to its inherent advantages, Ministry of Power has been trying to increase the share of gas based power projects in generation capacity. However, due to non-firming up of fuel linkages on account of factors like unstable price in the international market, etc., the cautious approach is being followed up.

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(b) Efforts are being made to augment the availability of depleting domestic supply of natural gas. Import of natural gas in the form of Liquefied Natural Gas and supply of natural gas through transnational pipelines are some of the options.

(c) and (d) Presently, there are no LNG Based Power Stations in operation. However, some of the Gas Based Power Stations are being supplied Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to mitigate the shortage of natural gas. Generation based on alternate fuels like Naphtha, High Speed Diesel (HSD) are dependent upon the requirement/acceptance by the beneficiaries on account of high cost resulting in high tariff rate.

Financial assistance by PFC to Southern States

1608. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has planned to extend financial assistance of about Rs. 2000/-crore to the Southern States this year for various development schemes in the power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly relating to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the year 2004-05 Power Finance Corporation has set a target of sanction of loan over Rs. 2000 crores for various development schemes in power sector as per details given below:-

Name of State	Scheme	Sanction target of loan	Disbursement April-October, 2005
Tamil Nadu	Generation	330	248
	Transmission	93	-
	Distribution	-	
Andhra Pradesh	Generation	577	491
	Transmission	145	111
	Distribution	140	12
Karnataka	Generation	240	41
	Transmission	285	55
	Distribution	140	8
Kerala	Generation	80	-
	TOTAL	2030	966